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SUBJ: MISSION OF SPECIAL ENVOY ON ILO AFFAIRS

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1. FOREIGN/PRIME MINISTER THORN WILL BE IN THE HAGUE ON
JANUARY 29 AND DIRECTOR GENERAL, MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS
PIERRE WURTH IN BRUSSELS. HOWEVER, PAUL MERTZ, POLITICAL
DIRECTOR, MFA (WHO IS ALSO GOL'S LABOR EXPERT), WILL BE
AVAILABLE. MERTZ AGREED TO TENTATIVE APPOINTMENT AT 11 A.M.
BUT SAID HE IS ALSO AVAILABLE AFTERNOON OF JANUARY 29 IF IS
MORE CONVENIENT.

2. MINISTER OF LABOR BERG WILL BE RETURNING TO LUXEMBOURG
FROM BRUSSELS ON AFTERNOON OF 29TH AND COULD MEET AMBASSADOR
SILBERMAN AT 5 P.M.

3. EMBASSY SUGGESTS MEETING WITH LABOR UNION CHIEF MATHIAS
HINTERSCHIED, WHO IS EXPECTED TO BE ELECTED BY ACCLAMATION
THIS APRIL AS SECRETARY GENERAL OF THE EUROPEAN TRADE UNION
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CONFEDERATION. MR. HINTERSCHIED HAS LONG BEEN LUXEMBOURG'S

WORKER DELEGATE TO THE ILO AND THE COUNTRY'S LEADING
LABOR OFFICIAL AND HAS STRONG FEELINGS ABOUT U.S.
POSITION ON ILO. IN HIS NEW ROLE AS SECRETARY GENERAL OF
THE UMBRELLA ORGANIZATION OF EUROPEAN LABOR MOVEMENTS,
HINTERSCHIED COULD BE VALUABLE CONTACT ON ILO AFFAIRS.
IF AMBASSADOR SILBERMAN WOULD LIKE TO MEET WITH MR.
HINTERSCHIED, EMBASSY WILL TRY TO ARRANGE AN APPOINTMENT.
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